



WINDSOR POLO CLUB INC.
Patron: Countess Mountbatten of Burma

25 November 2025

President's Report 2025

Introduction

I'd like to start off by recognising and thanking the 2025 WPC committee - Sam Willis, John Tourish, Paul Cutcliffe, Lee Portelli, Jessica Sheppard, George Fraser, Ben Tiplady, Chris Marokakis, Tom Dalton Morgan and Caitlin O'Mara.

2025 has been a year focused on "steadying the ship" for our club. I am pleased to report that thanks to the professionalism and hard work of the new committee we have successfully achieved this goal.

Financial Health and Membership

The club is in a strong financial position, maintaining a healthy cash balance. Membership has grown compared to last year, with 56 active members currently registered.

Lease Extension

Over the past six months, we have engaged in discussions with WPF and NSWPA regarding the extension of our current lease and the terms of a new lease in five years' time. Although there were some challenges along the way, I am pleased to confirm that we have formally exercised our right to a five-year extension and at the time of writing, we are awaiting the final lease documents for signing. Discussions with NSWPA will continue.

Tournaments and Events

WPC once again hosted major NSWPA tournaments as well as our own club tournaments. All events were well supported, with the Autumn Festival of Polo setting a new record - over 56 teams participated across a 12-day period.

Community and Facilities

I would like to extend my gratitude to both the Hawkesbury polo community and the broader Hawkesbury community for their collective efforts in making the Hawkesbury one of the premier polo destinations in Australia, if not the world. Our fields continue to be recognized as the best in the region, with WPC 1 field considered among the top polo fields nationally. Special thanks go to Chris Marokakis and his team for their years of hard work in achieving this standard.



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Development and Participation

2025 saw a major relaunch of introductory polo at WPC. More than 40 new participants began their polo journey through our Discover Polo days, with several already joining as new club members. Over the summer, we will continue to host Discover Polo days and introduce a two-day introductory clinic to further grow participation.

Partnerships

Our relationship with The Sydney Show Jumping Association continues to strengthen. This year saw the successful relaunch of their premier event, the Showcase of Show Jumping, which will now become an annual fixture at our club. With five weekends of jumping each year, these events provide essential capital that allows us to continually improve our facilities.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our sponsors for their continued support, The Royal Richmond Hotel, The Classic Safari Company, Winten Property Group and Arrow Financial.

Facility Utilization and Improvements

WPC is actively seeking new opportunities to utilize our beautiful grounds, including hosting weddings, birthday parties, and other equestrian and animal events. These initiatives enable us to reinvest in the club's future. Several capital works projects are underway or planned for completion over the summer, including the restoration of the number 3 polo field and upgrades to the bathroom facilities.

Looking Ahead to 2026

The coming year promises to be another busy one for WPC. We have a full schedule of club tournaments, will host several major NSWPA tournaments - including the international test match, five show jumping weekends, and a variety of other equestrian events.

Conclusion

Thank you to everyone - members, volunteers, partners, and the wider community - for your continued support and commitment. Together, we have made 2025 a year of stability and progress, and I look forward to building on this momentum in 2026.

Adam Meally
President



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Treasurer's Report FY24/25

I present the Financial Report for the financial year 2024/2025.

The report shows special purpose financial statements as at 30 June 2025, as it is required by the NSW Association Incorporation ACT 2009.

Jessica Sprenger retired from the Treasurer role at 10/03/2025 and I was appointed at that time. Thanks to Jessica for her service.

The outgoing Committee Members had made clear the challenges facing the Club, and with that mandate, the incoming Committee set about ensuring the viability of the Club.

Correctly anticipated, income was down 13% for the full year.

Total income \$420,482

Given this, it was imperative to reduce expenses, and a reduction of 29% was achieved.

Total expenses \$352,629

This provided the End of Year surplus of \$71,047

A marked increase from the previous year loss of \$5,909

At the time of drafting this report, account balances are as follows:

Capital Works \$62,341

General \$142,274

I thank the committee, assisting across the entire operations, that achieved this result.

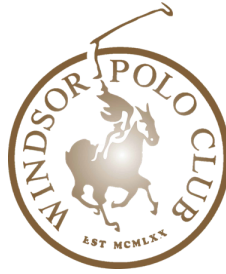
Special mention to Chris Marokakis and John Tourish for undertaking a detailed review of primary costs associated with the fields, while maintaining a world class facility.

John Tourish has provided significant assistance in time and machinery throughout this year, bolstering the capacity of operations while keeping costs minimised.

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Jessica Sheppard resurrected the WPC newsletter, and implemented a new income stream by way of the classifieds section. Initial uptake has been strong, and we look forward to the growth of classifieds to build awareness and prosperity across the equestrian community.

Discover Polo, an introduction to polo day, has proved a great success with over 40 attendees. As the introductory courses and more clinics are held, this is anticipated to become another revenue generator.

We recognise the importance of our sponsors. Thanks to Classic Safari Company, Stone Real Estate, The Royal Richmond Hotel, Arrow Financial and Winten Property Group for their support. With the renewal of lease agreement at the fields for a further 5 years, we look forward to long term engagements with our sponsors.

Looking ahead, the much anticipated refresh of the bathroom facilities, with particular need to include a women's shower facility, is being finalised with delivery planned ahead of next season.

With surplus funds, we have committed to the upgrade and restoration of Field 3. SJA have agreed to provide assistance with this cost, and it will prove a benefit to both polo and their events.

Having received the draft calendar for 2026, the future looks promising for Windsor Polo Club.

Benjamin Tiplady
TREASURER



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Grounds Report 2025

Windsor Polo Club grounds have had a very productive year in regard to hosting some great polo during both the successful seasons while continuing to build a strong relationship with NSWPA to host their two major tournaments. In addition, Sydney Jumping Association (SJA) have held four successful weekends throughout the year. Showcase of Showjumping returned to the Hawkesbury after a five year hiatus and what a successful return it was! It is now scheduled to return again in 2026. The grounds have also hosted a number of lower impact, one day events during the year.

The weather and environmental issues have, and will always have, the potential to impact our fields and facilities (such as the previous Committee had to deal with from 2020 to 2024). This year we have experienced a more friendly weather pattern and with the proactive approach from Chris Marokakis, we have endeavoured to stay in front of many of these environmental issues with the fields.

While it has been a successful year for hosting all of these events with minor rain interruptions, it does not come without the ongoing financial commitment to put back into the fields.

The financial reports show a very positive improvement in income for the year to date. We are also very mindful of the ongoing costs and inputs to ensure the future for Windsor Polo Club's grounds.

Fields #1 and #2 have received substantial sand/fertilizers and pest management to maintain them to the great standard that the previous Committee had created.

Field #3 is now receiving similar improvement to ensure our stick & ball and weekly Chukka players have good quality grounds to enjoy and improve their outings on #3 field.

This year has been a reasonably steep learning curve in regard to the maintenance and operation of the facility. I have to thank the WPC Committee for their support and encouragement during this period, in particular Adam Meally and Chris Morakikas for their invaluable experience and co-ordination to ensure the grounds are prepared and operate in a smooth and timely manner. Also, the other Committee Members who have put in many hours and much effort into events, the Clubhouse facility and also with the planning for the future of WPC to ensure tenure and a solid financial future for the Club and ALL its members.

2025 for the WPC Committee has been a consolidation year both financially and future proofing. I look forward to 2026 where WPC can consider and implement these future plans in



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both conducting successful events and complete capital works that have been on the plans for a number of years.

2026 must also be the year that WPC/WPF works closely with our other partners, NSWPA, SJA and SofS to ensure the financial security of these events to the mutual benefit of all parties.

Personally, I would like to thank my fellow Committee Members for their diligence and support this year, also Adam Buchert who has continued to personally give me support and input.

The Windsor Polo Club Committee has had a challenging but successful year, a substantial change in Committee members who have brought fresh enthusiasm to the Club. This mixed with the experience and knowledge of some of the previous Committee has formed a strong team to work towards strong outcomes for the Club going forward.

John Tourish